



Brownfields Job Training and Development Demonstration Pilot

City of Cincinnati, Ohio

Quick Reference Fact Sheet

EPA's Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative is designed to empower states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield is a site, or portion thereof, that has actual or perceived contamination and an active potential for redevelopment or reuse. EPA is funding: assessment demonstration pilot programs (each funded up to \$250,000 over two years) to assess brownfields sites and to test cleanup and redevelopment models; job training pilot programs (each funded up to \$200,000 over two years) to provide training for residents of communities affected by brownfields to facilitate cleanup of brownfields sites and prepare trainees for future employment in the environmental field; and cleanup revolving loan fund programs (each funded up to \$1,000,000 over five years) to capitalize loan funds to make loans for the environmental cleanup of brownfields. These pilot programs are intended to provide EPA, states, tribes, municipalities, and communities with useful information and strategies as they continue to seek new methods to promote a unified approach to site assessment, environmental cleanup, and redevelopment.

BACKGROUND

EPA has selected the City of Cincinnati for a Brownfields Job Training and Development Demonstration Pilot. The City of Cincinnati, which also is a recipient of a Brownfields Assessment Pilot, is partnering with the Village of Lockland Brownfields Assessment Pilot. Undeveloped brownfields plague the low-income, ethnic minority, and disadvantaged communities in the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. Most brownfields are located in urban cores, where unemployment and minority populations are high.

Redevelopment activities are being generated through the activities of two Brownfields Assessment Pilots, a state Enterprise Zone, and the federal Empowerment Zone. While the redevelopment of brownfields is retaining businesses and encouraging public/private partnerships, there is a major gap in the participation of community residents in jobs created through the redevelopment process. The City's Office of Environmental Management has found that there is a lack of community residents with adequate skills to participate in brownfields assessment and remediation projects.

PILOT SNAPSHOT



*Cincinnati,
Ohio*

Date of Announcement:
December 2001

Amount: \$200,000

Profile: The Pilot will train 75 students as environmental technicians. Students will be recruited from unemployed and underemployed residents in areas affected by brownfields, which plague the low-income, ethnic minority, and disadvantaged communities in Hamilton County urban cores.

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<http://www.epa.gov/Region5/>

For further information, including specific Pilot contacts, additional Pilot information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at:
<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/>

TRAINING OBJECTIVES

The City of Cincinnati plans to train 75 students, achieve an 80% placement rate, and support career placement of graduates for one year after the training is completed. Students will be recruited from unemployed and underemployed residents in areas affected by brownfields. The 224-hour Pilot training program will consist of training in the areas of OSHA safety, emergency response, remediation technologies, lead abatement, incident command, OSHA confined space, and technology demonstrations, including training in the use of innovative assessment and cleanup technologies.

The training efforts of the City of Cincinnati will be supported by organizations such as Greater Cincinnati Occupational Health Training Center, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati State Technical and Community College, Cincinnati Institute for Career Alternatives, Mill Creek Restoration Project, Northside Community School, Better Housing League of Greater Cincinnati, Cincinnati Office of Environmental Management,

and Cincinnati Job Corps. Ten apprenticeships will be made available through the Cincinnati Job Corps, and on-the-job training will be offered by local environmental employers.

ACTIVITIES

Activities planned as part of this Pilot include:

- Conducting outreach to recruit unemployed and underemployed residents in areas affected by brownfields;
- Conducting training for entry-level positions as brownfields technicians, including courses in the use of innovative assessment and cleanup technologies; and
- Supporting career placement of students for one year after the job training is completed.

The cooperative agreement for this Pilot has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.